

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A hair styling tool comprising:

a handle portion having a pair of pivotally connected arms,
each arm having a hair contacting element, wherein said hair
5 contacting element with one or more apertures therein.

2. The hair styling tool of claim 1, wherein said one or
more apertures are in the form of perforated grooves.

10 3. The hair styling tool of claim 1, wherein said arms
are pivotally connected at a proximal end thereof.

4. The hair styling tool of claim 1, wherein said hair
contacting element is operatively located at a distal end
15 thereof.

5. The hair styling tool of claim 1, wherein said hair
contacting element is a heat conductive plate and thermally
interactive with the hair styling tool to effectively apply heat
20 to selected portions of hair as desired.

6. The hair styling tool of claim 1, wherein said hair

contacting element has a hair contacting surface.

7. The hair styling tool of claim 6, wherein said hair contacting surface is at least substantially planar.

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8. The hair styling tool of claim 6, wherein said hair contacting surface is corrugated.

9. The hair styling tool of claim 1, wherein said one or
10 more apertures are in communication with one or more vents of the hair styling tool to vent moisture, heat and/or pressure.

10. The hair styling tool of claim 9, wherein said one or more vents are in said distal end of said arms.

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11. A hair contacting element of a hair styling tool comprising:

a heatable hair contacting surface having a plurality of recessed apertures,

20 wherein said plurality of recessed apertures are in

communication with a corresponding number of vents in said hair styling tool to vent moisture, heat and/or pressure.

12. The hair contacting element of claim 11, further
5 comprising a groove for connection to a tongue of said hair styling tool.

13. The hair contacting element of claim 12, wherein said groove is thermally interactive with said hair styling tool so
10 that heat generated by said hair styling tool can be selectively transferred to said heatable hair contacting surface via said tongue.

14. The hair contacting element of claim 11, wherein said
15 heatable hair contacting surface is substantially planer.

15. The hair contacting element of claim 11, wherein said plurality of recessed apertures and said vents of said hair styling tool align with each other.

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16. The hair contacting element of claim 11, wherein said

plurality of recessed apertures are located throughout said
heatable hair contacting surface in a random manner.

17. The hair contacting element of claim 11, wherein said
5 plurality of recessed apertures are located in a predefined
pattern.

18. The hair contacting element of claim 11, wherein said
heatable hair contacting surface is corrugated.

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19. The hair contacting element of claim 18, wherein said
plurality of recessed apertures and said vents of said hair
styling tool align with each other.

15 20. The hair contacting element of claim 18, wherein said
plurality of recessed apertures are located in a predefined
pattern.